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COMMITTEE FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

FOLLOWING DRAFT REFLECTS DISCUSSION WITH SPANISH
SIDE OF THE COMMITTEE BUT IS NOT YET FULLY AGREED.
WE EXPECT TO HAVE A FINAL TEXT SOON AFTER THE
COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON MAY 2. BEGIN TEXT:

JOINT COOMMITTEE FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE
AFFAIRS REPORT TO THE SPANISH-UNITED STATES COUNCIL, MAY 1977

I. RESPONSIBILITY

THIS JOINT COMMITTEE IS ASSIGNED A BROAD MANDATE BY THE
SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON FACILITIES (NUMBER 6) AND,
THROUGH IT, BY THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION TO SEEK TO
ASSURE THE NECESSARY COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERN-
MENTS AND TO RESOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS AS MAY ARISE IN CON-
NECTION WITH THE APPLICATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS.
THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS FOUR CO-CHAIRMEN, EACH PARTY
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HAVING A DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY CO-CHAIRMAN. IT MEETS
UNDER MILITARY CO-CHAIRMANSHIP TWICE A MONTH AND IN
PLENARY SESSION EACH TWO MONTHS. IN ADDITION, BOTH SIDES
EXCHANGE OFFICIAL MEMORANDA AS NECESSARY.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

THE COMMITTEE IS FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY, WITHIN ITS

AUTHORITY, TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS AND ADVANCE COOPERATION.
MAJOR TASKS ASSIGNED TO AND UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE.
THUS FAR HAVE INCLUDED:

A. THE PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INVENTORY
OF FACILITIES USED BY U.S. FORCES WITHIN EACH SPANISH
MILITARY BASE.

STATUS: THE PHYSICAL INVENTORY HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
HOWEVER, FINAL AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED.

B. THE MAINTENANCE OF A LIST CONTAINING THE
IDENTIFICATION AND GENERAL STRENGTH LEVELS OF THE UNITED
STATES MILITARY UNITS STATIONED IN SPAIN.

STATUS: THE INITIAL LIST WAS PROVIDED IN APRIL 1976
AND UPDATED IN APRIL 1977.

C. THE HANDLING OF AUTHORIZATION BY THE SPANISH
GOVERNMENT FOR MOVEMENTS OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS IN
SPANISH JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, AS WELL AS THEIR ENTRY
INTO AND DEPARTURES FROM SPANISH PORTS.

STATUS: ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR SEVERAL
VISITS BY U.S. NAVY NUCLEAR-POWERED SURFACE SHIPS AND
SUBMARINES TO VISIT ROTA. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THESE
REQUESTS SHALL NORMALLY BE PRESENTED WELL IN ADVANCE SO
THAT SPANISH AUTHORITIES CAN COMPILE THE NECESSARY INFOR-
MATION PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION. IN URGENT CASES,
AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN GRANTED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

D. THE PREPARATION OF GUIDELINES TO COORDINATE
SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION AT THE SPANISH BASES WITHIN
WHICH FACILITIES HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO U.S. FORCES.

STATUS: AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED THAT EXISTING
GUIDELINES AND POLICIES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE
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COMMITTEE HAS WRITTEN NEW ONES. THE SPANISH BASE COMMANDERS
AND LOCAL U.S. FORCES COMMANDERS ARE COOPERATING WITH THE
COMMITTEE IN THIS TASK.

E. THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROCEDURAL ANNEXES XI
AND XII CONCERNING THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PIPELINE
AND ASSOCIATED STORAGE FACILITIES.

STATUS: U.S. AND SPANISH DRAFTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED
AND NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN SOON.

F. ENSURING THE COMPLETION OF AN IMPLEMENTING
AGREEMENT ON THE IMPROVEMENTS TO, MAINTENANCE OF, AND
COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND
WARNING NETWORK (COMBAT GRANDE).

STATUS: THIS TASK IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE
SPANISH AND UNITED STATES AIR FORCES WITH ASSISTANCE BY
THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

G. THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS MADE BY
THE UNITED STATES FORCES FOR MAJOR WORKS AND CONSTRUCTIONS,
PURSUANT TO A SPECIFIC DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY BY THE
COUNCIL.

STATUS: THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED VARIOUS PROPOSALS.

H. THE PROCESSING OF UNITED STATES PROPOSALS FOR MILITARY EXERCISES.

STATUS: MAJOR AIR DEFENSE AND AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES INVOLVING SPANISH AND UNITED STATES AIR, ANVAL, AND MARINE FORCES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE STATUS OF U.S. FORCES IN SPAIN, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING CRIMINAL JURISDICTION AND CLAIMS, CUSTOMS AND FISCAL ISSUES, AND LABOR AFFAIRS.

IN SUMMARY, THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS PURSUED ITS MANDATE VIGOROUSLY. THE COMMITTEE HAS PROCESSED MORE THAN 214 OFFICIAL MEMORANDA, 44 LEGAL CASES, AND 145 LABOR CASES. THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IS INCREASING.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS

THE JOINT COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

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